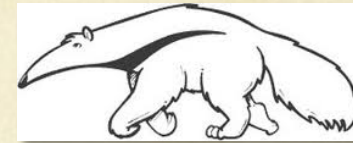


# Neutralino Annihilation in the pMSSM: Impact of *Fermi*-LAT and CTA

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# The p(henomenological)MSSM:

- Take the  $\sim 120$  free parameters in the MSSM, subtract those which are highly constrained by experiment (mostly: new flavor pars.), end up with a 19-dimensional subspace: the pMSSM. Considerably more general than mSUGRA/CMSSM
- Scan the space and subject all points to a rigorous battery of constraints. We are the ONLY collaboration that employs realistic collider bounds in a  $>7-8$  dimensional SUSY space.
- We have  $\sim 225,000$  pMSSM models with  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  DM. Sparticle masses are scanned up to 4 TeV giving  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  masses up to  $\sim 2$  TeV. WMAP relic density is taken as an upper bound on the  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  relic density.
- This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of pMSSM models: we can observe the impact of the last  $\sim 4$  years of experiments.

See also pMSSM talks by:

Matthew Cahill-Rowley, Alex Drlica-Wagner, Ahmed Ismail and Tom Rizzo

# Indirect Detection: Messengers & Targets

**Messengers:**  $\gamma$ 's,  $\nu$ 's, anti-particles, ...

IceCube/DeepCore  
(See: R.C., D. Grant,  
F. Halzen, talks)

(although, see Y. Nomura talk)  
Very small signal predicted (MSSM),  
Extra complication: propagation.  
Ambiguous discoveries...

Clean signal (trivial propagation) many potential **targets** and  
experiments approaching sensitivities relevant for neutralino DM.

**Targets:**

“Direct Detection for  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$ ”

**Milky Way dwarf spheroidal galaxies:**

Extremely DM dominated. DM content from stellar kinematics **no intrinsic  $\gamma$  background**, Multiple dwarfs can give independent confirmations of discovery.

**Milky Way Galactic Center:**

Large DM density<sup>2</sup> gives potentially very large signals though much larger uncertainties  
(relying on DM simulations where baryons are important and many background gamma-ray sources)



# Indirect Detection: Tools

See Alex Drlica-Wagner and Matthew Wood talks!

## Fermi-LAT:

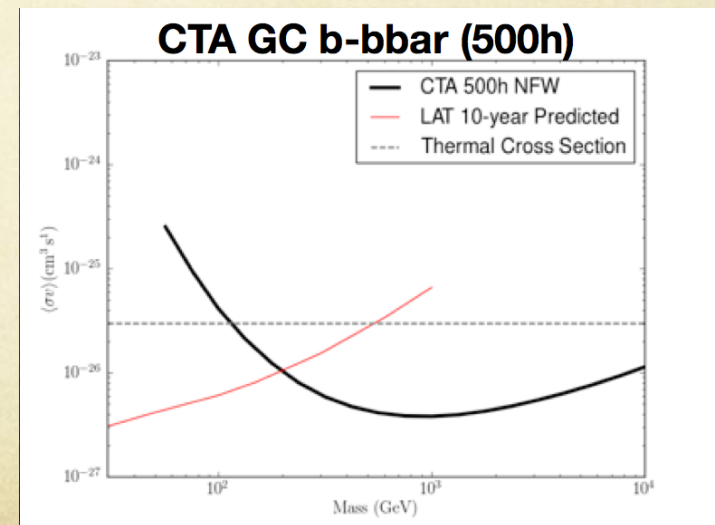
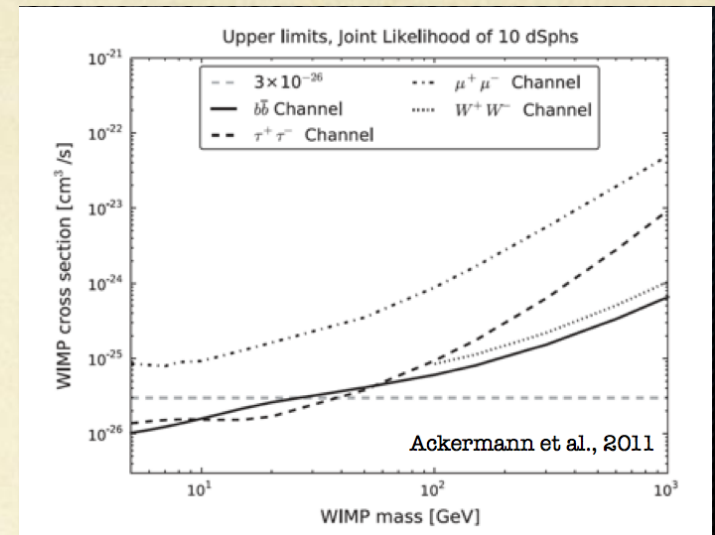
Combined likelihood analysis of multiple dwarfs using 2-yr of data similar to (and validated against) the LAT dwarf PRL

Estimate improvement by a factor of  $\sim 10$  (more data, improved LAT analyses, DES discovery of more faint dwarfs in the southern sky)

## A Possible CTA:

Configuration including US contributed 36 mid-sized telescopes.

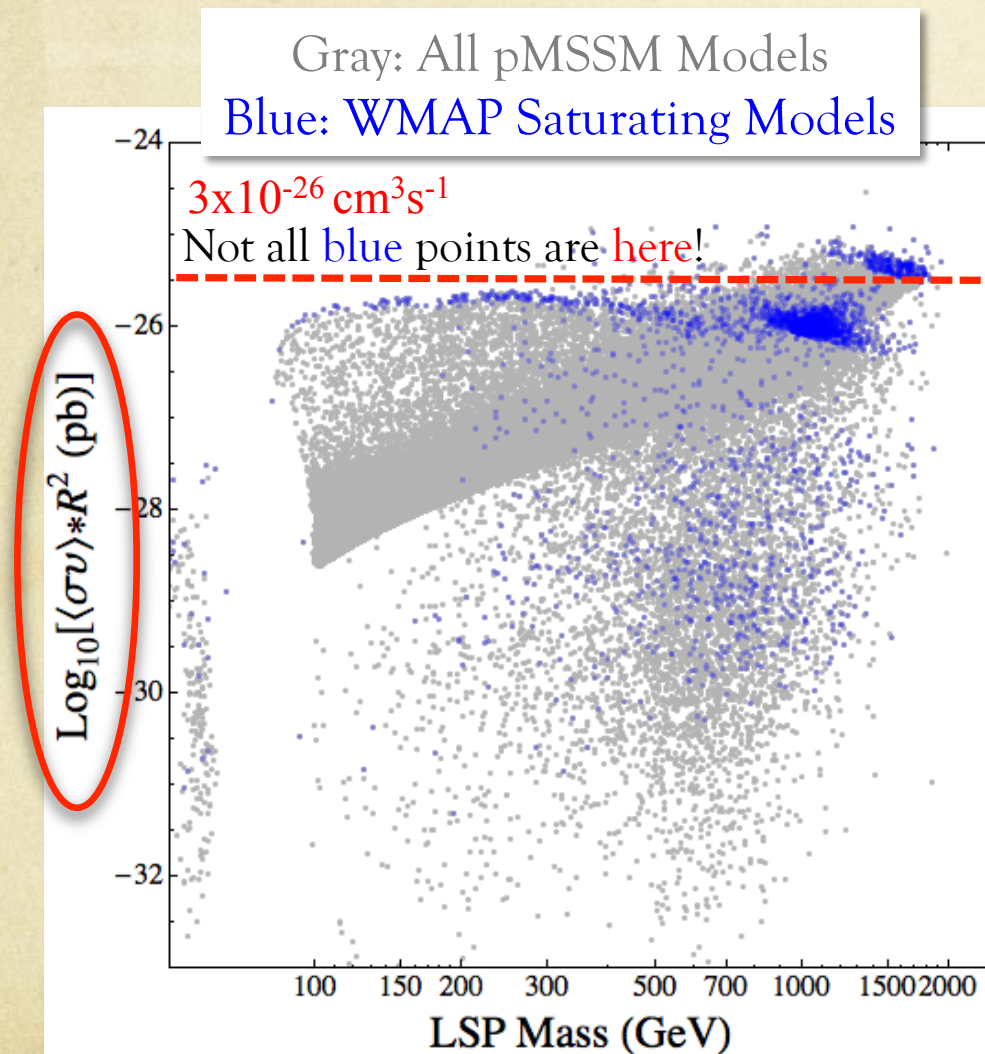
Projected limits based on 500hr observation of an annular region around the Galactic Center



Basic Results...



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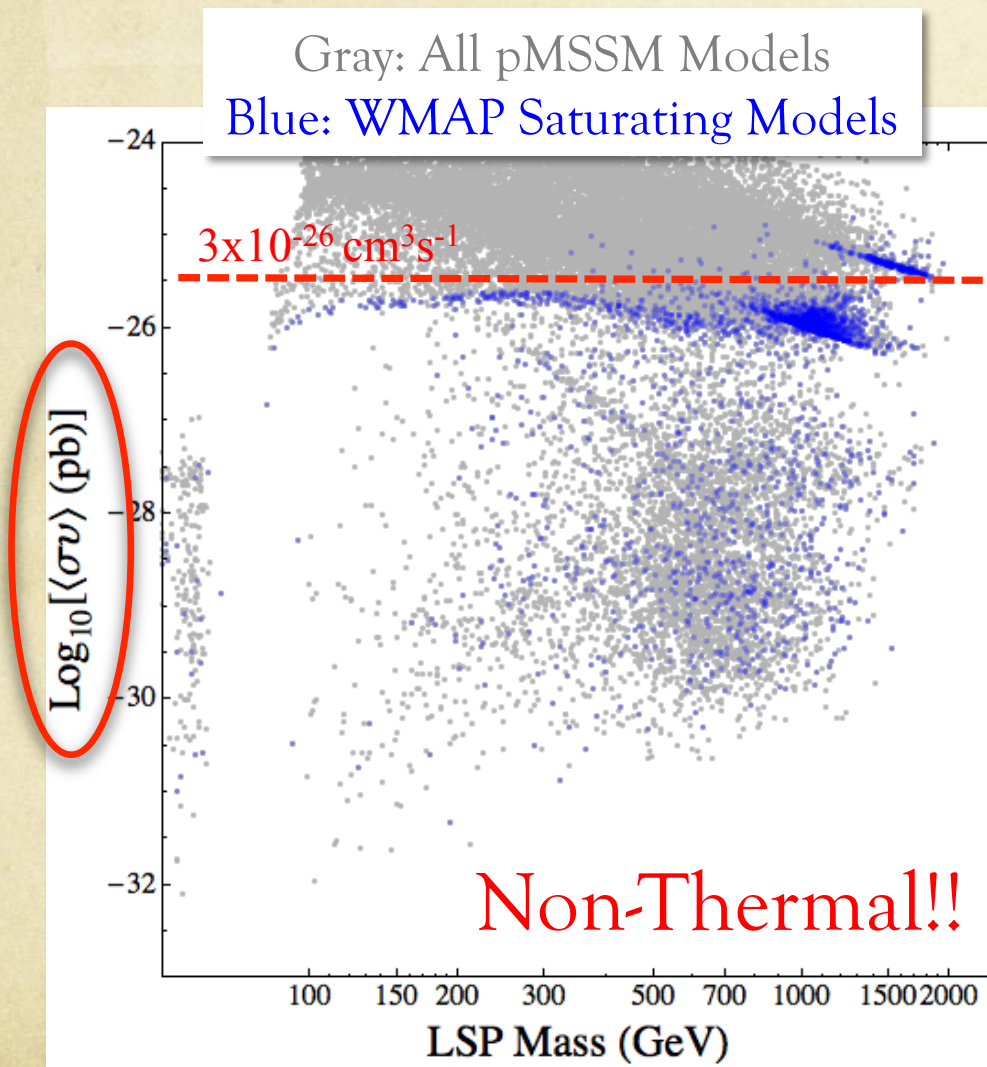
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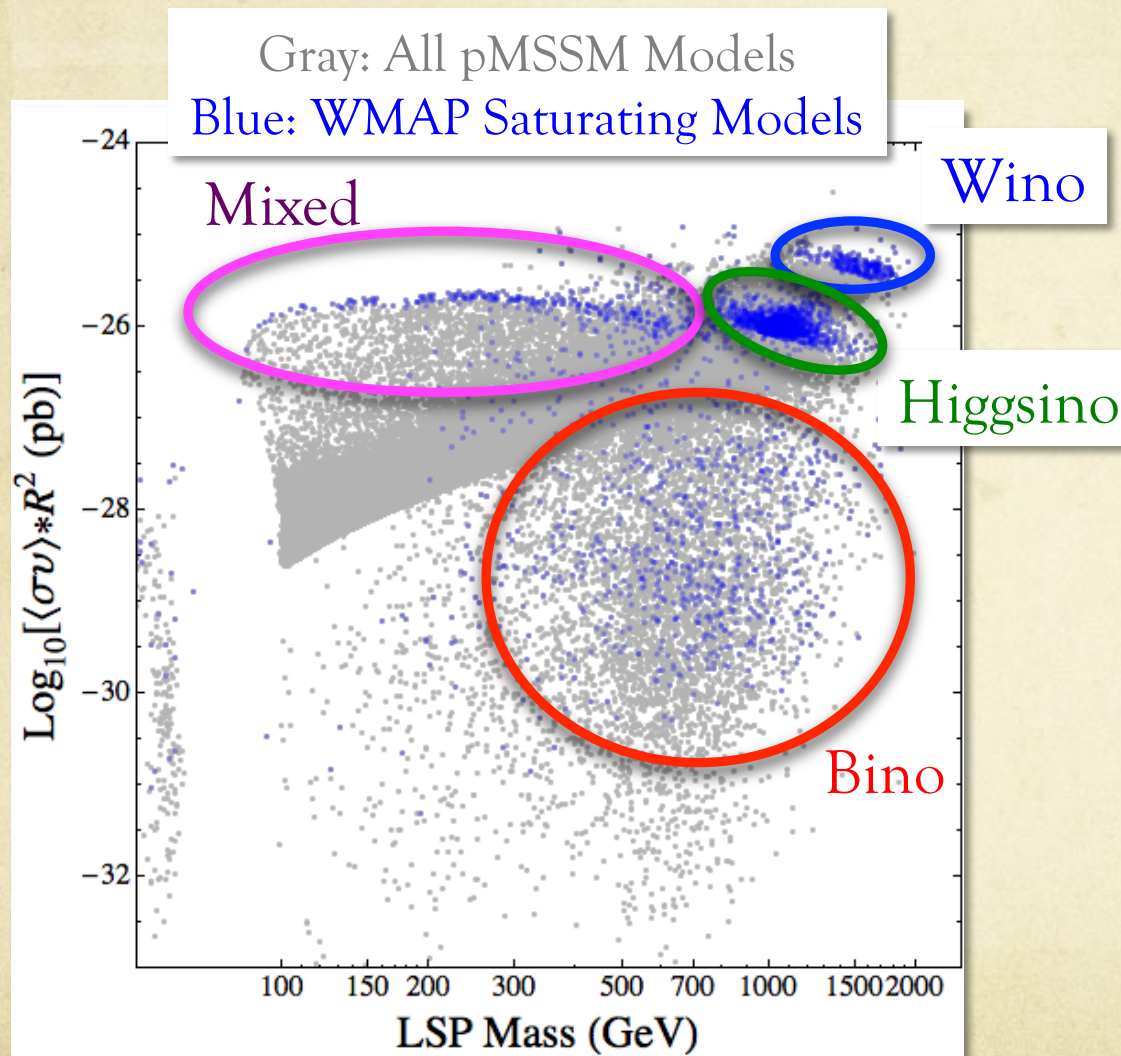
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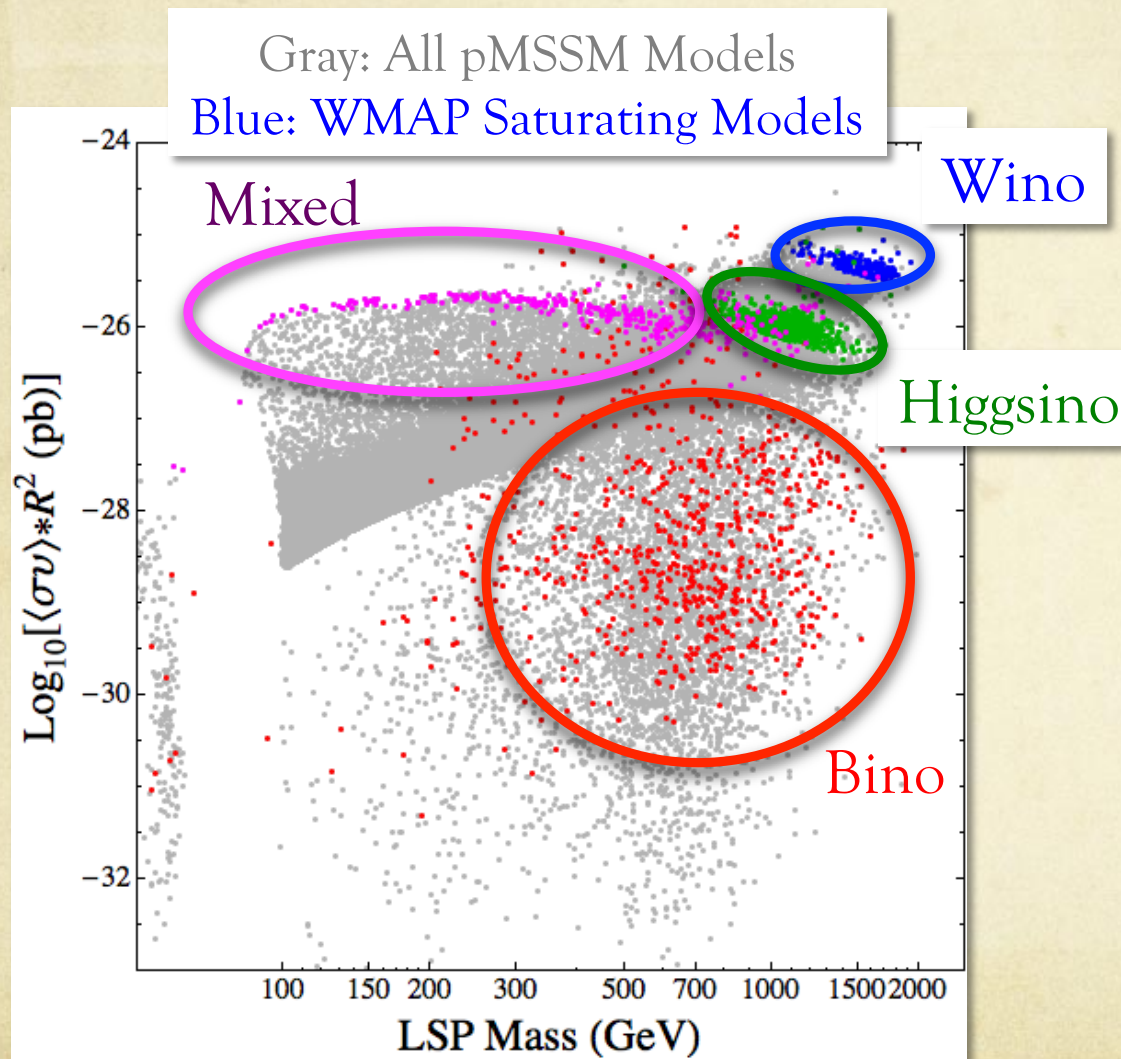
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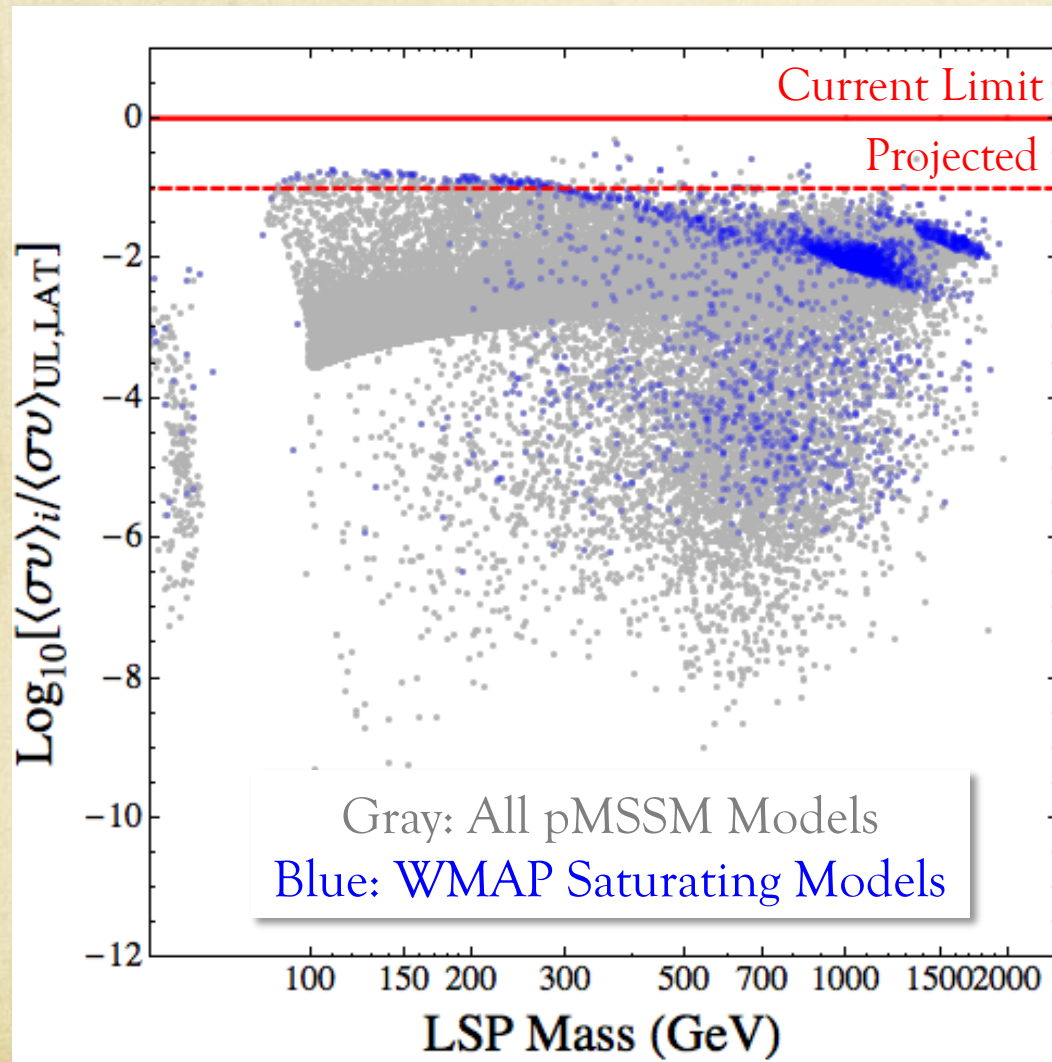


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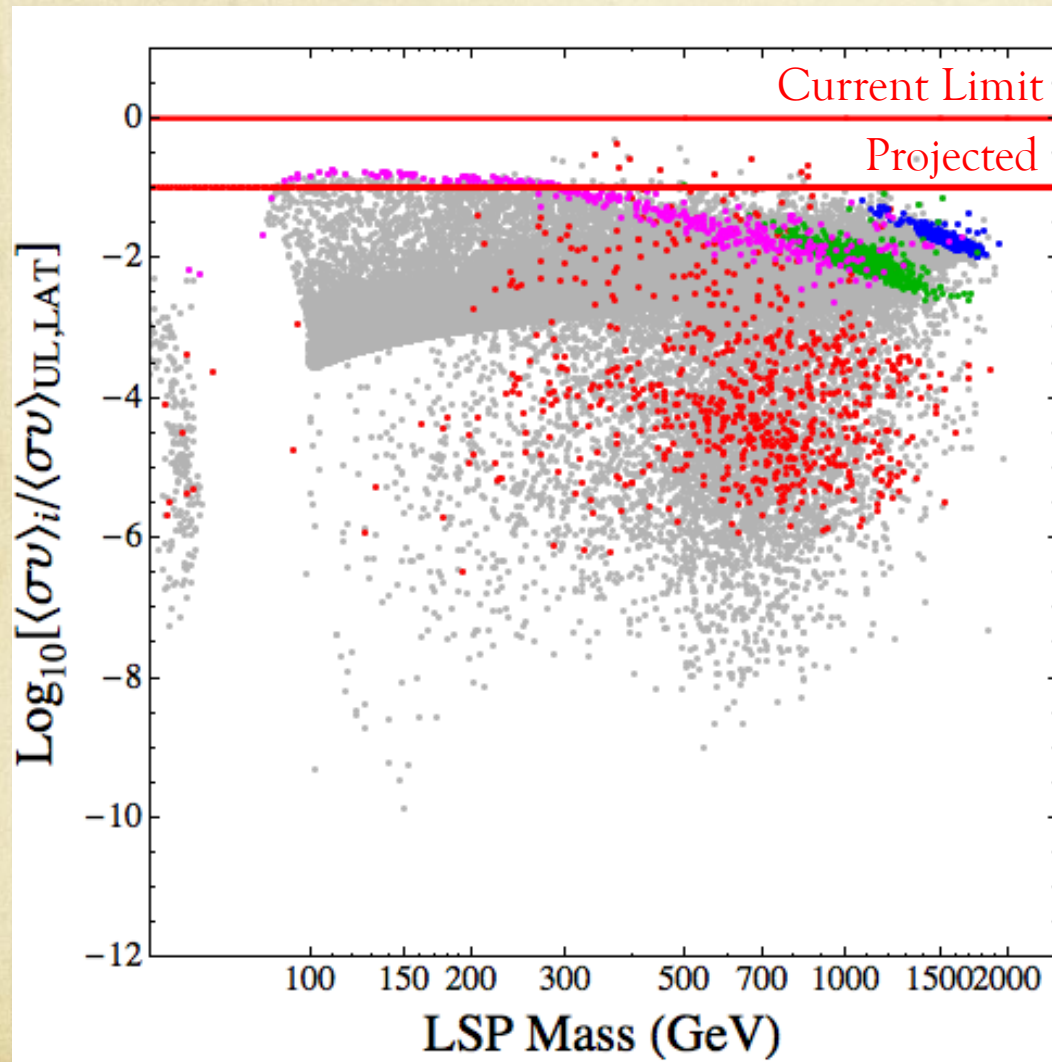


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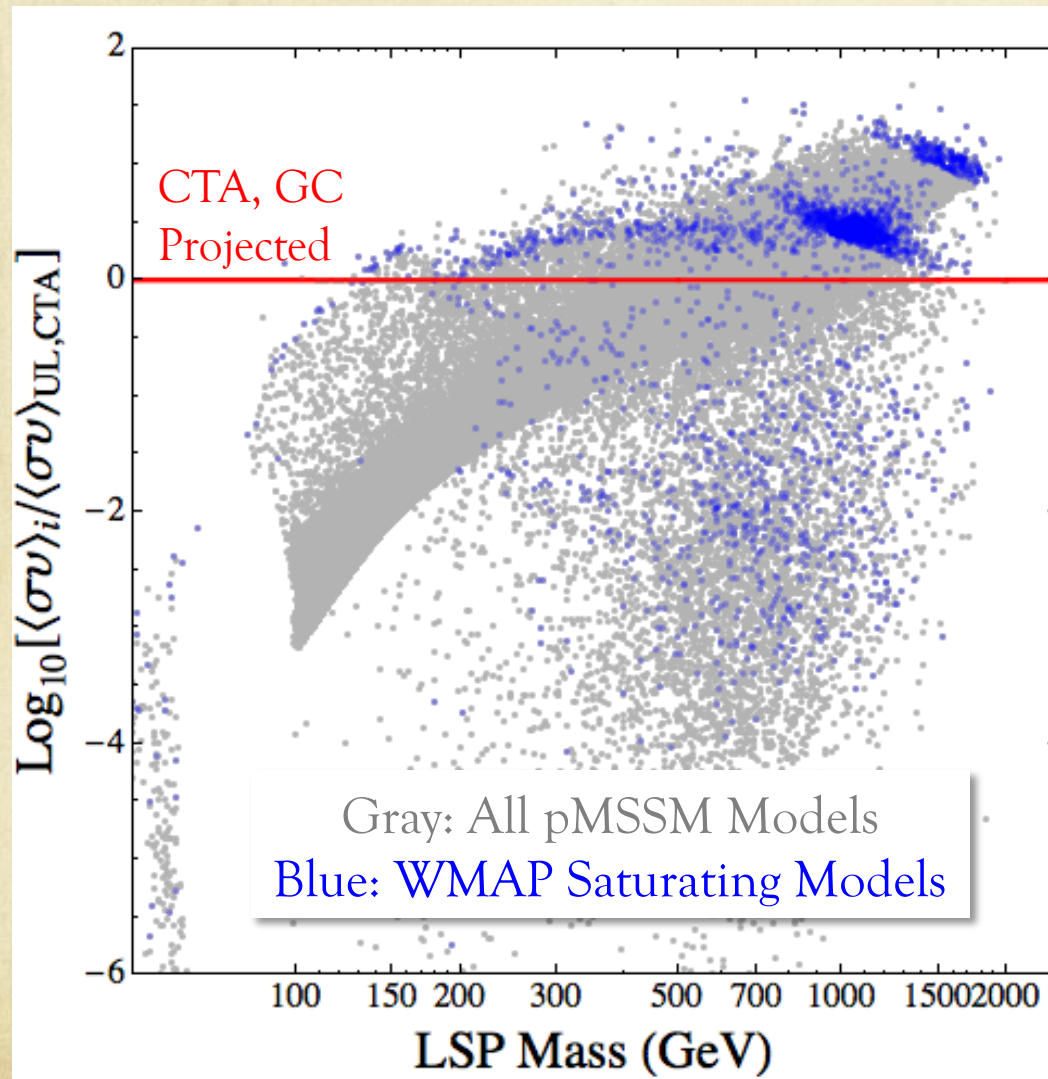


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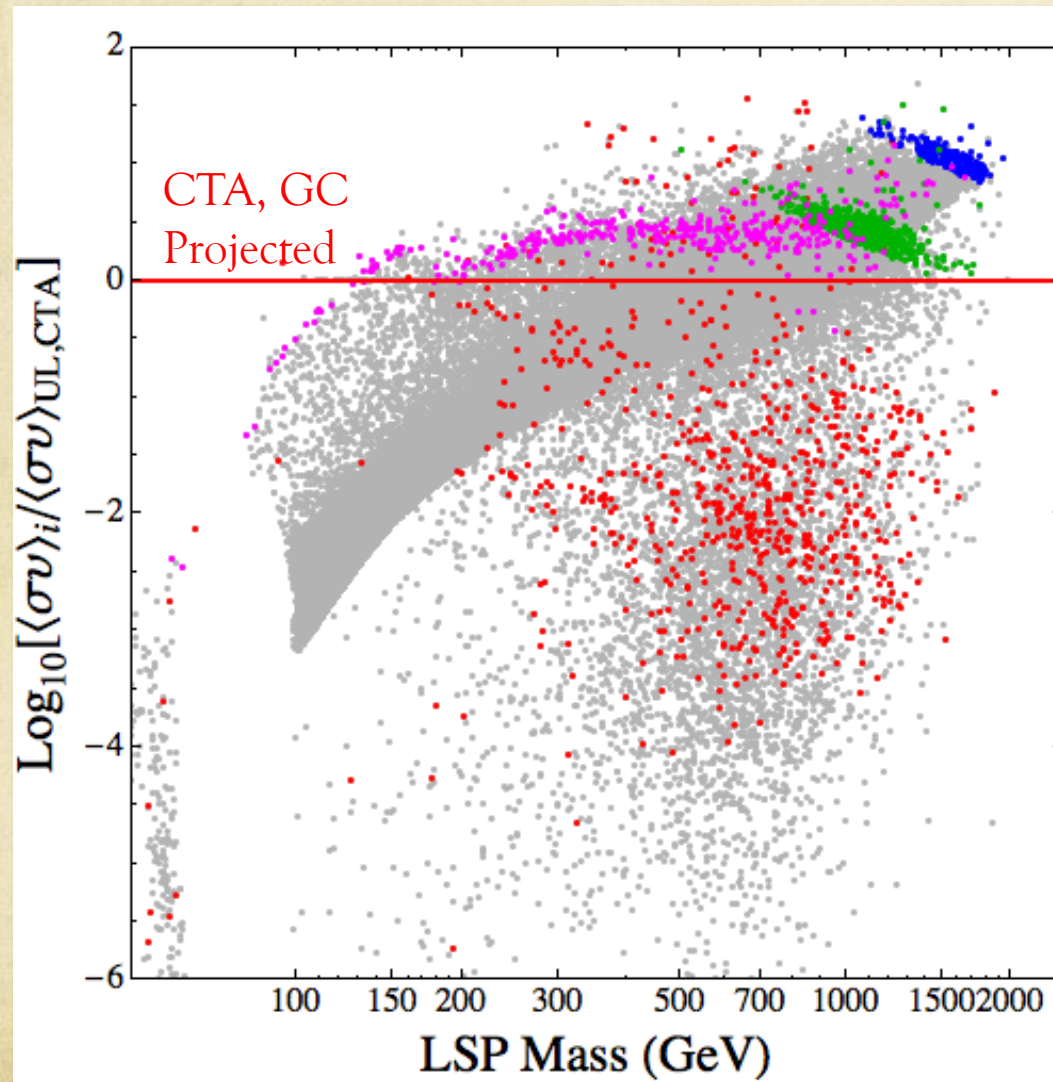


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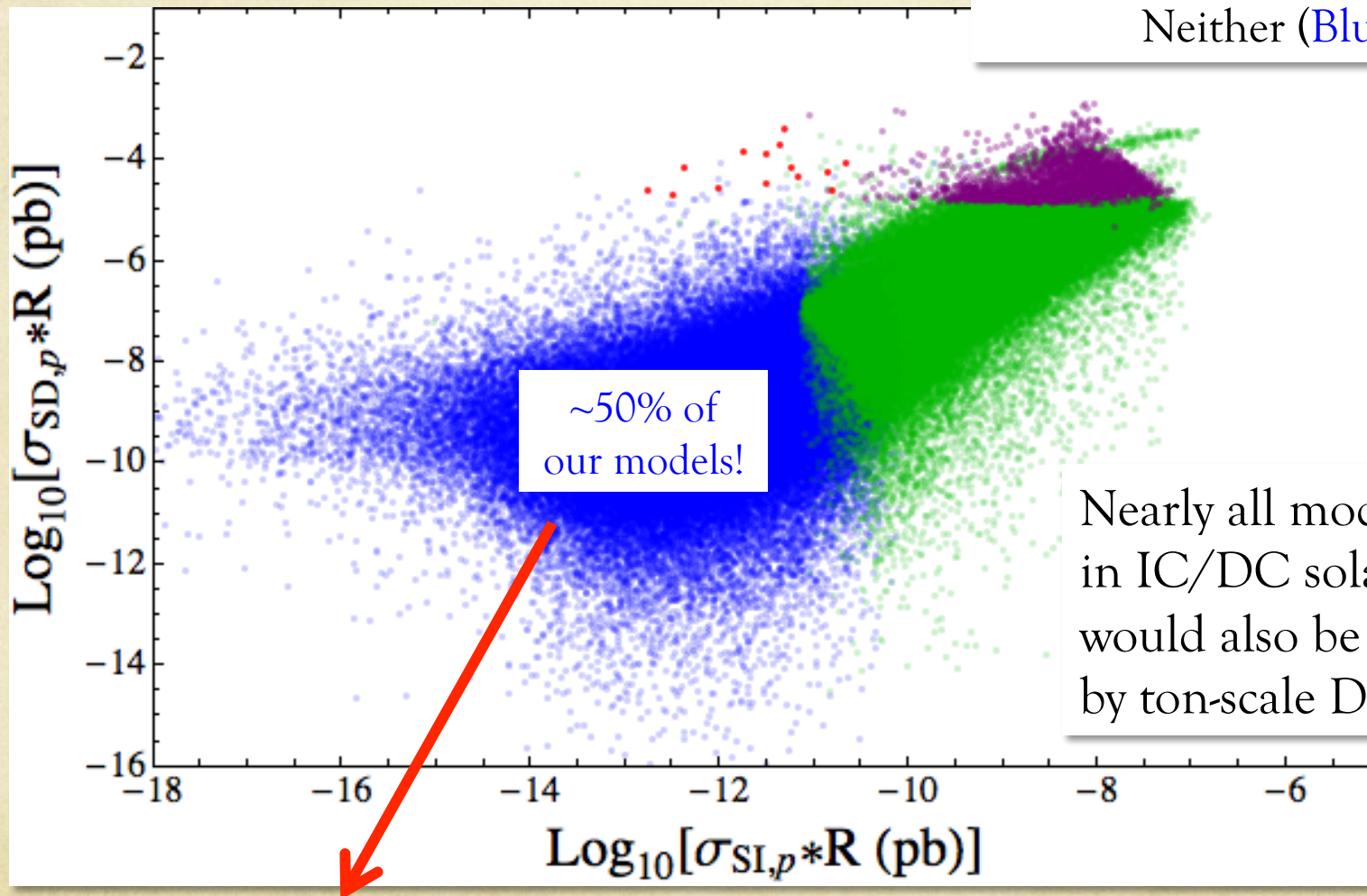
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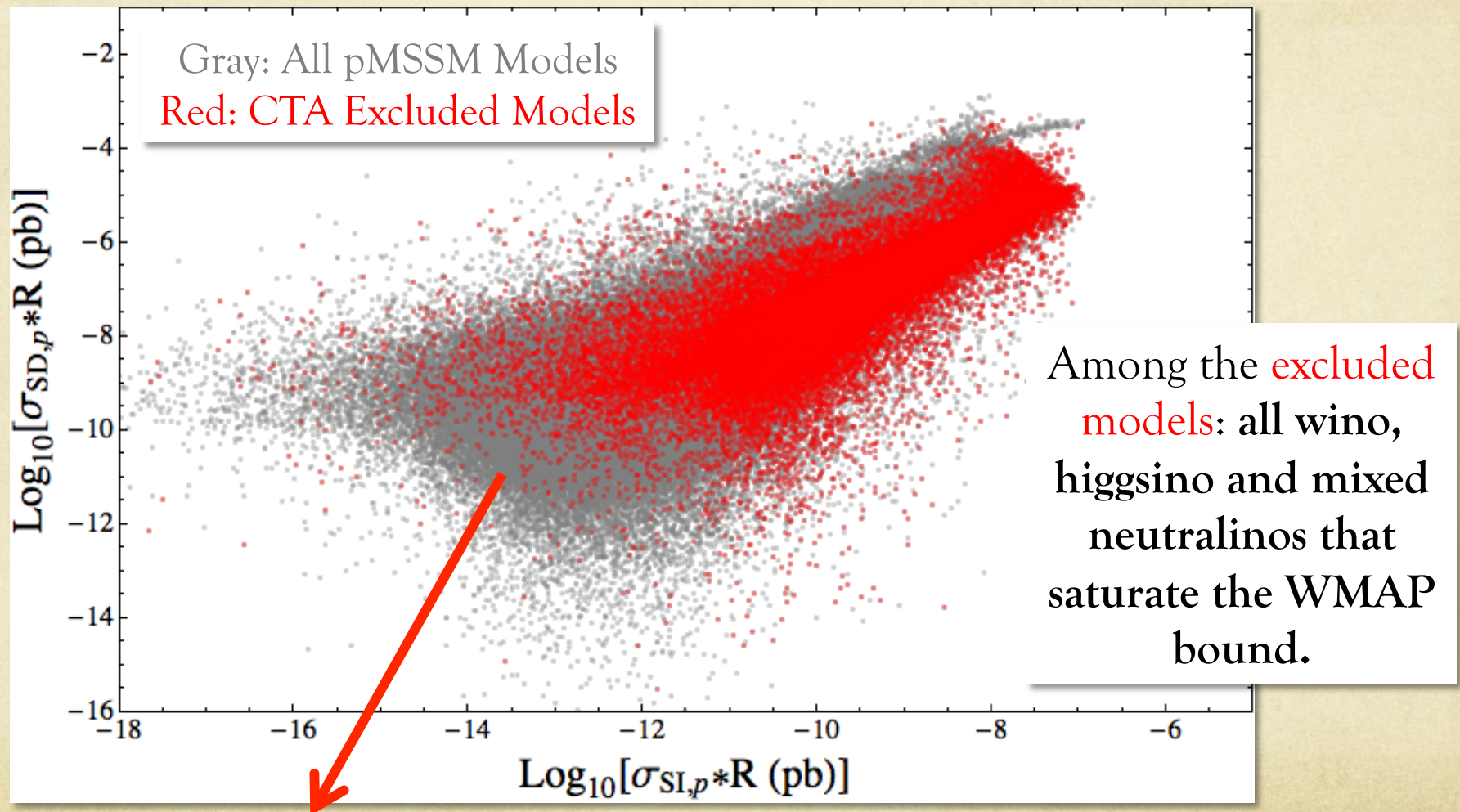
From My Last Talk...



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# CTA Probes Models with low scattering cross-sections

These models would be very hard to see with any other kind of experiment!



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Gamma-Ray bounds are starting to have fantastic influence on our theoretical expectations for DM and are an important complement to direct and collider searches...  
Is it okay to leave the job half done?